

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP FRACTIONALLY FROM LAST YEAR

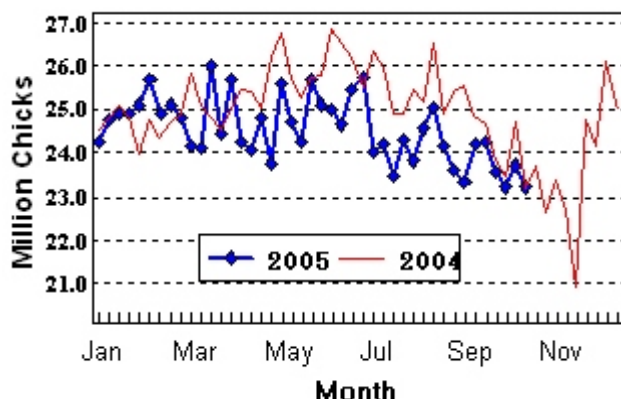
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.2 million during the week ending October 22, 2005. Placements were up fractionally from the comparable week in 2004, but down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 22, 2005 were 1.06 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.5 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

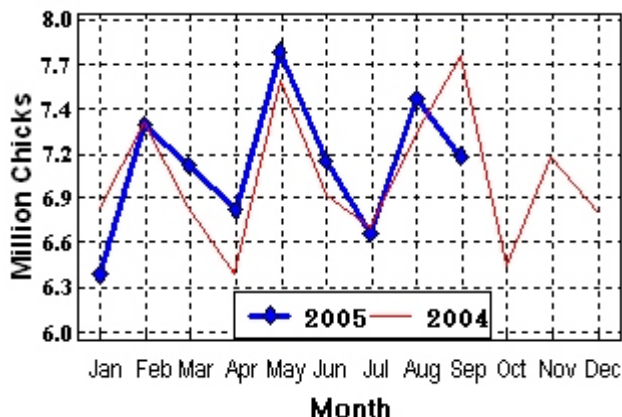
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 22, 2005, down slightly from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.13 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2005, down 8 percent from September 2004.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Sep. 17	24,868	24,216	97
Sep. 24	24,656	24,271	98
Oct. 1	23,806	23,578	99
Oct. 8	23,492	23,250	99
Oct. 15	24,724	23,736	96
Oct. 22	23,205	23,224	100

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Apr.	6,402	6,800	106
May	7,590	7,783	103
Jun.	6,890	7,109	103
Jul.	6,688	6,657	100
Aug.	7,280	7,484	103
Sep.	7,758	7,132	92

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct		17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	
Alabama	31,177	31,002	30,242	30,901	115	21,520	20,919	20,289	21,140	20,643	21,641	103
ARKANSAS	29,550 *	30,967	29,003 *	28,489	100	24,216	24,271	23,578	23,250	23,736	23,224	100
Delaware	3,979	3,810	3,767	3,690	110	5,832	5,449	5,481	5,142	5,466 *	5,940	128
Florida	1,374	1,364	1,384	1,379	102	1,431	1,325	1,527	1,492	1,471	1,583	105
Georgia	33,098	33,739 *	32,431 *	31,484	101	26,556	26,700	27,674	25,903	26,400 *	25,995	102
Kentucky	6,655 *	6,745	5,986	6,136	107	5,843	5,848	6,101	5,344	6,127 *	5,711	100
Louisiana	3,833	4,136	4,136	3,834	107	4,059	4,104	4,052	3,260	3,381	3,993	117
Maryland	8,721	8,670	8,813	8,737	110	5,173	5,160	5,133	5,296	4,958 *	4,679	78
Mississippi	17,573 *	17,756 *	16,951 *	17,973	98	16,252	15,364	15,386	15,415	16,535 *	15,617	96
N. Carolina	17,936 *	17,170	17,334	17,914	106	14,635	13,654	13,963	13,917	14,620	14,691	106
Oklahoma	6,278 *	6,496	6,590	6,619	105	5,311	4,491	5,060	5,028	3,965	4,566	121
Pennsylvania	4,247	4,190	4,032 *	3,976	111	2,926	3,073	3,093	2,784	2,908 *	3,091	111
S. Carolina	5,075	4,939	5,093	5,029	110	4,369	4,739	3,773	4,476	3,630	4,838	122
Texas	12,383 *	14,561	14,806	13,642	104	12,791	12,633	12,496	12,299	12,960	10,369	86
Virginia	5,861	6,245	6,009	6,190	94	4,919	5,288	5,034	4,925	4,922	4,651	99
CA,MO,TN,WV	16,924	18,541	17,101 *	17,069	105	16,984	17,614	17,317	16,224	16,221 *	15,606	95
Total 2005	204,664 *	210,331 *	203,678 *	203,062		172,817	170,632	169,957	165,895	167,943	166,195	
Total 2004	200,166	203,011	196,265	194,298		173,376	172,022	165,909	160,797	164,297	164,597	
%Prev. Year	102	104	104	105		100	99	102	103	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	10-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 203 million eggs during the week ending October 22, 2005. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 22, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 22, 2005 were 7.34 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.